

## Micro-Power Sources: FAQ

### Q&A Session

#### Overall

**Question:** Are National Labs are allowed to participate in this BAA?

**Answer:** Yes. Teams should seek the best technologies wherever they can find them. This may mean the participation of National Labs.

**Question:** Are there any restrictions concerning foreign partners/primes/sub-contractors on this program?

**Answer:** There are no limits on foreign teaming.

**Question:** What budget range are we looking at for this program?

**Answer:** There is no specific budget range required for proposals.

**Question:** Can I ask questions directly of the program manger while preparing a proposal?

**Answer:** While DARPA Program Managers must abide by certain restrictions to ensure fairness in the acquisition process, they are permitted to answer questions and review material provided by potential proposers. The program manager will not evaluate material per se, but may provide feedback on issues that should be further investigated in order to more appropriately address the aims of the solicitation. The MPS program manager is Sharon Beermann-Curtin. She can be reached via email at Sharon.Beermann-curtin@darpa.mil.

**Question:** Assuming a proposal submitted by the due date is acceptable to DARPA (per the evaluation criteria), will the proposal be funded or will it be held in the queue for a year pending comparison against proposals received after the deadline?

**Answer:** Proposals which meet the evaluation criteria and are awarded funding will not be held in a queue. Proposals received after the deadline will be evaluated and awarded based on the availability of funds after the initial round of selections.

**Question:** Do proposals received by the deadline have preference for funding opportunities?

**Answer:** Yes, the initial round of funding will likely be the only round awarded for the first phase of the program. Teams are strongly encouraged to submit proposals by the May 26, 2006 deadline.

**Question:** Is there more detailed application information available other than the guidelines provided in the BAA?

**Answer:** No.

**Question:** One of our potential partners plans on submitting a proposal where they are a prime, with no subcontractors. Our organization would like to include this partner in our development as a subcontractor. The technical approaches taken in both case will be different. We wanted to make sure that these submissions would not exclude the two separate solicitations if they were chosen.

**Answer:** Both proposals can still be selected, but we would need to negotiate cost reductions as a result of overlapping effort.

**Question:** What period of time do you anticipate for each of the Phases of the desired effort?

**Answer:** The amount of funding and time per phase is left to the proposer. You need to ensure that your solution meets the Phase III goals of the program. If you do not choose propose for each phase of the program, you must still put in major milestones for go/no-go decisions.

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